

MORE ON PERFINS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM – by Mike J. Burrows

N. IRELAND

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REGIONALS

Northern Ireland Regionals

The first regional definitive issued for the area designated Northern Ireland made its appearance on 18th August 1958. Since that time several different values and varieties have been issued.

However, these emissions do not seem to have a very prolific use as Perfins. In the recent census the highest count was three. These being in the Jack Brandt collection.

Although intended for use in the appropriate area, the regional issues can be used anywhere within the United Kingdom. So it follows that any G.B. Perfin could be used on the N. Ireland regionals. An appropriate example of this usage is the publicity Perfin used by the Security Endorsement & Perfin Society of Great Britain:

263 SEP./S 10,10,10/1/11 17½mm

This SEPS Perfin is also known used on the regionals of Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey, Scotland and Wales.

Checking through my own Irish section, I find examples, all on the 3d. value, on cover, legitimately used in N. Ireland of:

444	ESSO	9,9,9,8	4½mm
	The Esso Petroleum Co., Ltd.		
9.1	GA/CO	9,8/7,4	4½mm
	Guardian Assurance Co., Ltd.		
2.1	LA	6,8	4½mm
	The London Assurance		
123.1	NES	11,9,9	4½mm
	Nestle's Food Products(N.I.)		
	Ltd. Co. Tyrone		
6	OA/BG	8,8/11,9	4½mm
	Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corp.		
	British General Insurance Co.		

Same value, off cover:

329	BHC	13,12,8	4½mm
	user unknown		
619.1	BRC ^o /LD	13,12,8,6/7,7	4½mm
	Belfast Ropework Co., Ltd.		

Fig. e 2 August 1889 - 12 August 1889

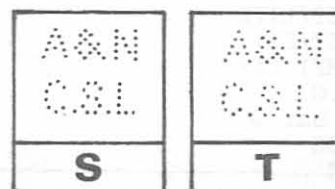
This does seem to indicate a temporary measure, possibly a different supplier, while the first die was being repaired.

Further Notes on A&N/CSL Postal Stationery

All the postal stationery envelopes that I have seen emanating from the A&N/CSL have been perforated before make-up. Over the years I have seen two different Perfins on the envelope; dates are:

Fig. S 17 September 1894 to November 1903

Fig. T 22 July 1910 (various minor differences. Pins form straight bar to A.)



The Victorian wrappers are worth a second look. As they were used, the single-die Perfin shows distinct signs of wear or damage.

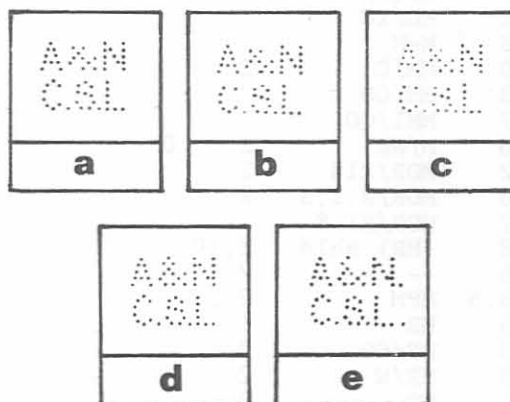


Fig. a 20 June 1888 pins in & missing

Fig. b 26 November 1888 pins in & and C missing

Fig. c 22 March 1889 pins in &, C and S missing

Fig. d 23 July 1891 no damage

Between Figures c and d, another die, this time with additional periods, was in use:

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